- 5 An oil-in-water emulsion formulation, comprising
 - a) one or more insecticides, in particular pyrethroids;
 - b) one or more solvents from the group of esters of aliphatic monocarboxylic acids, esters of aliphatic dicarboxylic acids, esters of aromatic monocarboxylic acids esters of aromatic dicarboxylic acids and tri-n-alkylphosphates;
 - an emulsifier system comprising one or more anionic surfactants and two or c) more non ionic surfactants, one of which has a HLB value between 4 and 12 and one of which has a HLB value between 12 and 20;
 - one or more film forming agents/thickeners; and d)
 - e) water.

is useful for controlling pests.

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